



☒ Executive Committee ☐ District Leadership Council ☐ Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Meeting Minutes**

ORDER OF BUSINESS	06/18/2018	12PM	Conference Call
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Larry Bonde at 12:05 PM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Larry Bonde, Mike Riggle, Dale Maas, Joe Weiss, Kari Lee Zimmermann and Mike Schmit
EXCUSED	
UNEXCUSED	Joel Taylor
GUESTS	None

C. Agenda Approval and Repair

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DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	No action taken.

D. Public Comments

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	N/A

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Executive Committee Review of NRB Agenda of 6/27/18 and Possible Actions

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DISCUSSION	One issue was noted; that being the Grouse study. Larry stated that in discussion with the department he had mentioned a suggested daily bag reduction from 5 to 3 and possible elimination of the late season. Larry said that they were not receptive to the bag reduction. Mike stated that there is no Ruff Grouse Management Plan that they could use to guide them. Larry felt that the appropriate action would be to attend the meeting and listen to the presentation. Then suggest that they initiate a Grouse Management Plan and consider an emergency order on closure of the late season until more information is available. This is not the action that we were asked to take at the DLC meeting.	
ACTION	Motion by Maas 2nd by Riggle to take the above position stated above. M/C	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
Larry will attend the NRB meeting		

B. WCC Administrative Housekeeping

Zimmermann

DISCUSSION	Kari said she was putting together the agenda for the training session for new secretaries on July 7 at the Mead Wildlife Area. She was interested in input on what we wanted on the agenda. Larry wanted to see some type of the presentation on working with department liaisons and committees and setting their own agenda. We also probably need to do some clarification on Robert's Rules of Order, he sees too many committees getting tied up in the process and being less productive. We are still seeing some motions during members matters and taking action on items that are not on the agenda which is problematic. Mike says we still are getting push back when committees take a resolution reject it and then write a committee resolution that doesn't stay true to the intent of the original author. Larry also said that is one of the reasons why we encourage the authors of the resolution to be in attendance at the committee meeting so that they can offer that input and still feel like they have ownership of the resolution. Kari says she wants to make a special effort so that committee's work with their assigned liaisons, making sure that they are available for the meetings. Because if they set a meeting date and they don't have their key individual in attendance there's not a lot of sense to conduct the meeting. Dale commented that the liaisons need to take a more active role and be in a position to answer questions brought up at committee meetings. When the DLC looks at resolutions brought forward by committees in good faith only to find out that other powers within the department have given other information it makes it difficult understand what's going on. We spend a huge amount of time in committee working on resolutions thinking were doing the right thing. Then we spend another considerable amount of time at DLC meetings trying to hammer out a good resolution. It just seems like committee liaisons need to touch base with the hierarchy within the responsible department to find out what the bottom line is on a department position. With that kind of input we could probably shorten committee meetings and DLC meetings substantially. Larry stated that there are times when committees go against the wishes of their liaison. Dale said if that's the case we need to know about it and that needs to be noted on the proposed question. Dale stated he doesn't want to sound negative on it and he does appreciate that the liaisons already have a pretty heavy workload. His concern is that he would
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	<p>like to make things run smoother and that's why he is bringing it up. Larry said that we can work on a discussion with the liaisons without having them hijack the meeting process and there is room for improvement all the way around. Larry also commented that we need to stress in that meeting that the chairs and the committee members are on the same page. I hear a lot about committee members wanting to have something put on the agenda and chair neglects to do it. We need to get everybody on the same page. Dale suggested that maybe putting together a punch list form that would be available on the website so that everybody had a consistent message of what it takes to put a meeting together.</p> <p>Kari mentioned getting articles together for the conservation Chronicle that should be mailed out in July and asked if anybody had any suggestions. Dale volunteered to write an article on the youth Expo and provide that to Kari for Chronicle.</p> <p>Kari also said she was going to send an email out to the District counselors to have them confirm the date and location of the district meetings.</p>	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Joe questioned whether the warm water committee liaison was set yet, they set the date of their meeting at the end of the last year's meeting and since a new liaison hasn't been appointed yet it's gonna make it difficult to coordinate that if he can't make the already set meeting for this year. Dale said that he had a similar problem as he heard that his liaison was leaving the department but was not sure. Kari will follow up.</p> <p>Dale reported on discussions he had with Ron Kruger, Paul Gettelman, Mark LaBarbera and Chief Warden Schaller. The group has been working to secure an additional trailer and somehow develop a program to allow for a display trailer to be located in the northern 3rd of the state. Dale will update the committee as needed.</p> <p>Mike had nothing.</p> <p>Larry had nothing.</p>
ACTION	Motion by Riggle 2nd by Maas to adjourn. Motion carried.*12:45 PM

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	12:45 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Dale C. Maas
DATE	06/21/2018